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# Ex-CIA Chief Being Medicated, Fed via Tubes

## *New Procedures Indicate Poor Response to Cancer Treatment*

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Doctors at Georgetown University Medical Center have inserted tubes into the brain and stomach of former Central Intelligence Agency director William J. Casey to administer cancer treatment and help feed him, the hospital reported yesterday.

Medical experts said the procedures suggest that Casey, who had a brain tumor removed Dec. 18, was not responding well to treatment.

"I would be worried that they require a feeding tube," said Dr. William R. Shapiro, professor of neurosurgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "It means he is not able to eat, and that suggests he may be sicker than we think."

Officials at Georgetown would not respond to specific questions about Casey's condition, other than to describe it as "stable." Casey, 74, was readmitted Friday and will remain there another week, according to the statement released by hospital officials.

Although it is not unusual to administer chemotherapy through a tube to the brain, it is far more common for patients to receive shots intravenously to treat lymphoma, the type of tumor Casey had removed, doctors said yesterday.

Casey had been receiving radiation treatment, but several cancer specialists had encouraged his physicians to complement it with chemotherapy. Hospital spokesmen said after Casey's operation that he was having trouble speaking and had weakness on the right side of his body.

Friends of his family and other

sources, however, have said Casey's condition has deteriorated since then.

"My guess is that the nature of the problem must have changed in some way," said one cancer specialist who, saying he had little new information about the case, asked not to be named. "They are not just treating the brain tumor at this point."

The specialist added that if doctors had inserted the tube into Casey's spinal fluid to treat him, it would indicate that he may have a tumor located in the spinal fluid.

Casey suffered a seizure Dec. 15 while working at CIA headquarters in Langley. He was taken to the Georgetown hospital a day before he was scheduled to appear a second time before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence concerning the Iran-contra affair.